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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of George D. Gates and Travis D. Gates for OFFSET HOLDING DEVICE comprising 17 pages of specification and claims, a Declaration and Petition, and a Power of Attorney with signatures. Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c).

Enclosed also are:

- 2 sheets of drawings (informal)
- An Associate Power of Attorney
- An Assignment
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